

The Star Room – January 2019

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break and are ready for the excitements and challenges of the new term!

This letter is just to inform you of the exciting topics we will be covering this term.

Science – Electricity

In the first half of the term we will be exploring the properties of electricity and how it is generated, including environmental concerns. After half term we will be discovering the delights of human biological systems including the heart dissection in STEM week!

Geography – Mountains

In this unit, the children will study mountain formation and features, which will result in the children creating their own papier maché mountains!

Religious Studies

This term we introduce religious studies into the Star Room. We will be studying Judaism and Christianity, with a particular emphasis on how members of these two religious communities worship and how they understand the “big questions”.

Literacy

Before half term we are studying non-fiction, including work on biographical texts, factual reports and journalistic writing. After half term we will focus on poetry, studying a range of styles and conventions, from traditional sonnets to haikus and limericks!

Homework

Vocabulary homework will remain the same as last term, with vocabulary tests taking place on Friday mornings. Once they have finished their current verbal and non-verbal reasoning books, Upper Star students will no longer have these for homework, and they are replaced by English on Tuesdays. Thank you for your continued support at home with marking and supervising homework.

Other information you may find useful is:

- P.E. resumes this term and is on Monday afternoons; children must wear trainers.
- Please remember to bring a racket and trainers on Fridays and swimming gear on Thursdays.

Your support is much appreciated and please do let us know if you have any questions.

Best Wishes,

Michael and Christian